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SPS—The Professional Society for Physics Students and Their Mentors

The Society of Physics Students (SPS) has approximately 5,000 members in over 700 colleges and universities. An active SPS chapter provides the professional development opportunities that course work cannot teach, including the development of communication and professional networking skills, undergraduate research, and science literacy outreach to the local community. The SPS chapter can also be a physics department's most effective recruitment and retention tool. An active chapter helps transform students from being only takers of courses, into contributing members of a professional community. Visit the SPS web site: www.spsnational.org

ΣΠΣ—The Physics Honor Society

Sigma Pi Sigma is the physics honor society, and is part of SPS. Election to Sigma Pi Sigma is earned by outstanding academic achievement in physics and lasts for a lifetime. SPS now has about 80,000 historical members and over 450 chapters. These alumni represent a wide diversity of callings, but all members share in common a record of accomplishment in physics. Sigma Pi Sigma exists to honor and encourage physics scholarship, to be of service to the various communities it may influence, and to be a fellowship of persons who have shared in the traditions and culture of physics.

Visit the ΣΠΣ web site: www.sigmapisigma.org

Congratulations on receiving SPS and ΣΠΣ's *Information Handbook*! Inside, you'll find all sorts of information to help you with things like starting a ΣΠΣ chapter, hosting a Zone meeting, attending the ΣΠΣ Quadrennial Congress, applying for scholarships, and many other things. Many of the things available in the Info Book in the past have been moved to our website, and many of the things that are still in the book are also available on our website:

www.spsnational.org

In addition to having a website, SPS has also actively worked at embracing social media. Many chapters are familiar with our Flickr site, but we're also a part of Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube (listed below). Feel free to join us and find out more about what SPS is doing, as well as what's going on in the global physics community.

If you need any information, please contact us. Let us know what you think of SPS and our Info Book, and please let us know how to make information more convenient to use.

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